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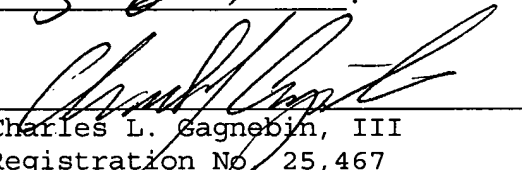


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Application No. : 10/601,007  
Filed : June 20, 2003  
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USING HIGH VOLTAGE PULSE POWER SOURCE AND A  
DEVICE THEREFOR  
Examiner : Sean Everett Conley  
Attorney's Docket : AK-419XX

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

It is desired to cite for the record in this application the  
enclosed references listed on the attached copy of PTO Form #1449. The  
paragraph(s) marked below are applicable to this Information Disclosure  
Statement.

- [ ] (1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1) and (2), the attached  
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identified application. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.

☐ (2) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), applicant(s) believes the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.

☐ (3) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), applicant(s) believes the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.

☒ (4) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by:

☐ a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e); or

☒ the fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(d)

☐ (5) Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(d), applicant(s) hereby petitions the Commissioner to consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement which is being filed on or before payment of the issue fee. This petition is accompanied by a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2)

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undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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